Non-availability of Specialists in various Delhi hospitals

3443. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that specialists are generally not available in emergency/casualty wings of Delhi hospitals, such as AIIMS, Safdarjung R.M.L., etc., resulting into deaths of accidental/serious patients; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken/proposed to be taken to man these wings by experienced and competent doctors all the time to ensure timely and speedy medical and to serious patients during golden hour to save their precious lives and miseries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) In All India Institute of Medical Sciences the Department of Emergency Services functions round the clock and is manned by Chief/Medical Officers comprising specialists of Medicine, Surgery, Orthopaedics and Paediatrics. Besides this, faculty staff and resident doctors in different disciplines are also available round the clock. With a view to address the additional patient load in the emergency services additional posts of resident doctors have been sanctioned. However, the situation is assessed on continuous basis on the need to deploy more senior doctors/specialists to manage the Casualty/Emergency Wards in AIIMS.

In Central Government Hospitals in Delhi the Specialists in various departments are available round the clock to attend to accident and serious patients.

Neurological problems among prematurely born children

3444. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any studies has been initiated on the prematurely born children and their disabilities like cerebral palsy and neurological problems like seizures;

(b) if so, the details alongwith the number of such children born during the last three years, State-wise, year-wise and category-wise;

(c) the details of facilities available/proposed to be made available for rehabilitation of such children for education and employment; and

(d) the details of steps taken/propose to be taken for better medical facilities to such children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) A few studies have been made on the prematurely born children and their disabilities. These studies have shown that about 10-15% of pre-term babies have neurological morbidities like seizures, cerebral palsy etc. Data regarding such children is not centrally maintained.

(c) and (d) National Trust for Welfare of persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities, a statutory body under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is implementing a scheme under which grant-in-aid is provided to Non Governmental Organisations/ Parents Association for running Day Care Centres, Respite Care Centres and Residential Care Centres. These Centres besides providing day care/ night stay/prolonged stay facilities also provide vocational training to Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy etc. The Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995, provides for 3% reservation to persons with disabilities both for admission for courses in educational institutions and also for recruitment in identified posts in the Central and State Govt. Organisations. Government hospitals provide free treatment to children with disabilities.

Competency of Delhi hospitals to meet disaster situations

3445. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI K.B. KRISHNAMURTHY:
SHRI R.K. ANAND:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi hospital are not ready to combat disasters;